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Title: "METHOD AND APPARATUS OF ANALYZING TARGET NUCLEIC ACID"

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Enclosed herewith are:

- [X] Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 74 ; Number of claims 1 - 37
[X] Declaration and Power of Attorney [X] executed; [] unexecuted (supplied for information purposes)
[X] 8 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1 - 16 [X] Formal [] Informal
(FIGS. 4A, 4B, 11A AND 11B ARE BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHIC DRAWINGS)
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[] Certified copy (ies) of priority document(s) identified above
[] Information Disclosure Statement; [] Form PTO-1449
[X] Preliminary Amendment (TO CORRECT AN ILLEGAL MULTIPLE DEPENDENCY)
[X] Verified Statement(s) Claiming Small Entity Status
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